

# Housing project makes space for Ypsilanti homeowners

**Jaida Hawkins**  
*Staff Writer*

With down-payment assistance on the table, and affordable prices, Dorsey Estates project managers created an Ypsilanti neighborhood for new buyers who might have thought homeownership in Washtenaw County was only a dream.

“It seems too good to be true, but it’s not,” Renovare Managing Partner Shannon Morgan said. The company, which organized and built the project, partnered with other contractors and government agencies including the city of Ypsilanti to build the neighborhood at 220 N Park St., the site of a former Boys and Girls Club.

After scheduling tours for potential homeowners in August and September, project managers have geared up to start selling the homes in October , initially through a lottery.

“The goal is to make generational wealth options,” Morgan said.

On the Dorsey Estates website, developers said the project was about helping people reach the American dream of homeownership.

“We believe that everyone deserves the opportunity to own a home and build generational wealth,” the developers said on the website. “Our mission is to provide high-quality housing options for the families of Ypsilanti. Nestled just a few blocks away from Historic Depot Town, our homes combine historic charm with modern comfort.”

The price of all 46 units in the project will be set under the total cost of construction, the developers said. The units will be a mixture of cottages, duplexes, and townhomes. Developers said the architectural layout will reflect the historic character of the surrounding community. The townhomes and duplexes have 1,280 square feet of living space, with two bedrooms and

one and a half bathrooms. The cottage is 1,057 square feet with two bedrooms and one and a half bathrooms.

Each unit has a shed and storage unit, energy-efficient appliances, a smart-side exterior, double-pane windows, and a walk-in closet.

Renovare, a majority woman-owned company based in Ypsilanti, plans to add pocket parks, a stormwater basin, and other greenspace that will connect to existing pathways. Construction was scheduled to be finished in 2026.

Because demand for the homes is expected to be high, project leaders said they will use the lottery idea to remain transparent to the community. Morgan said the winning buyers’ names will be drawn from a pool of those who have been pre-approved for the loans and met other qualifications, including participation in a homeownership seminar.

After the lottery and if homes are still available, Dorsey Estates will begin selling the homes on a first-come, first-served basis, starting sometime in mid-summer 2025.

The Michigan Workforce Housing Corp. was tasked with handling the buyer program, helping to qualify buyers and coordinating downpayment assistance. Project support to help keep the homes affordable for lower-income homebuyers came through Washtenaw County American Rescue Plan Act funding.

The project also received assistance from Michigan’s Department of Environment, Great Lakes and Energy, in the form of a \$1 million grant that supported housing projects in Flint, Ann Arbor and Ypsilanti. The grant money was directed toward revitalizing brownfield areas in those cities, and was used to remove contaminated fill material and test the land before the projects were built. Half of the new units in the \$16.5 million redevelopment



*Courtesy of Dorsey Estates*

in Ypsilanti will be designated as workforce housing and set aside for owners making 40% to 80% of the area median income.

“Every Michigander deserves a safe and affordable place to call home,” Gov. Gretchen Whitmer said in June 2024 when announcing the grant. “These three brownfield redevelopment projects will help build 183 units to address the critical need for more housing in Ann Arbor, Flint and Ypsilanti. Affordable housing provides stability to families, which has been shown to improve their health, allows them to live closer to their jobs, and frees up money they can spend in their communities. Let’s keep making the largest investments in housing in Michigan history and pursue our strategy of build, baby, build!”

To be included in the lottery, potential homeowners must contact a lender, get pre-approved for a loan, contacting the Dorsey Estates sales manager, complete an application and checklist, including homeownership training, and then provide income documents containing six months of pay stubs and tax returns. Once those steps are completed and thoroughly reviewed, advancement to the next step is being qualified to become a homeowner.

Dorsey Estates set up some tools to help buyers meet those requirements and win a chance to become homeowners.

Beginning Sept. 7, potential buyers can attend homeownership education webinars with Clarissa McMillon, who is ready to help buyers get pre-approved

for mortgages. The webinar covers income, savings, budgeting, credit repair, and taxes. McMillon also offers free one-on-one courses Thursdays from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m., starting Sept. 12.

Credit is not an issue when becoming a homeowner at Dorsey Estates. Theresa Desselles, the loan officer or lender working with Dorsey Estates, determines where assistance is needed to get pre-approved for a new home. Desselles said potential buyers can schedule a 15-minute meeting with the sales manager.

For more information on becoming a homeowner contact Dorsey at [info@dorseyestates.com](mailto:info@dorseyestates.com), or visit the development’s website: [www.dorseyestates.com](http://www.dorseyestates.com).

# County encourages precaution after West Nile Virus found in Ypsilanti

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The Washtenaw County Health Department encouraged residents to take extra caution in preventing mosquito bites in September, after testing revealed an increased presence of the West Nile Virus in several mosquitoes and birds around Ypsilanti.

Susan Ringler-Cerniglia, communications and community health promotion advisor for the Washtenaw

County Health Department, said residents particularly need to take precautions during late August and early September.

“When we see human cases, it’s almost always, [in] the weeks right before and right after Labor Day. So just because of the way the virus cycle works in the animals, it’s when we tend to see infections, so we like to make sure people know at this time of year,” Ringler-Cerniglia said.

West Nile Virus is a mosquito-borne illness that can cause flu-like symptoms. The most common symptoms are fever (dubbed the West Nile Fever), body aches, and swollen lymph nodes.

In severe cases, illnesses such as meningitis and encephalitis, can occur, though those are extremely rare, she said.

Through specimen collection done by the Washtenaw County Health Department, and analysis done by the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services, West Nile was detected in six mosquito pools in Washtenaw County. Three of those pools were specifically found in Ypsilanti, around the southwestern part of the county. Additionally, three deceased bird specimens have been identified as holding the virus.

These are increases from three mosquito pools, and zero bird cases, in 2023.

While a definitive reason for the increase isn’t known, Ringler-Cerniglia said it could be due to the hot weather temperatures present in the county this summer.

“A lot of it has to do with the weather and the type of mosquitoes that like that,” Ringler-Cerniglia said. “They typically like hot, dry weather, and of course, it hasn’t been especially dry, but it has been hot.”

While increased activity might be a cause for concern, Ringler-Cerniglia

said serious illness is rare. The U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, 80% of those infected with West Nile never experience symptoms. Washtenaw County hasn’t had a human case of West Nile since 2018.

“It’s not something that we’re looking to really have people feel anxious about or to avoid the outdoors or anything like that,” Ringler-Cerniglia said. “But it is a bit more positive activity than we’ve seen in birds and mosquitoes in several years.”

Regarding non-human cases, Ringler-Cerniglia said West Nile is not a known threat to pets. Though it has been found in birds, the only recorded Washtenaw County cases are in crows, bluejays, and ravens. Typically, domestic pets, such as birds, dogs, and cats, have a very low chance of contracting the virus, and full recovery is expected.

To prevent mosquito bites, Ringler-Cerniglia and the Washtenaw County Health Department encourage those participating in outdoor activities to apply bug spray, wear light-colored

and long-sleeve clothing, and close any open windows.

“Nobody likes to get bit my mosquitoes anyhow. So, you know, this is the time of year, that late summer, when there’s potential for more infection. So, take a few extra precautions to avoid mosquito bites, and it is not likely you have to worry about it” Ringler-Cerniglia said.

The health department also recommends that residents dump out any standing water they have on their property on a weekly basis. Things like kiddie pools, outdoor water bowls for pets, and bird fountains may make the perfect breeding ground for mosquito eggs.

Removing standing water will not only prevent the birth of new mosquitos but will keep pets safe from heightened exposure when venturing outside.

While the increased West Nile activity in the county is something to be conscious of, the Washtenaw County Health Department said it shouldn’t change on any late summer or early fall outdoor plans.



**A boardwalk over the waterway in Rolling Hills County Park.** *Courtesy of Kyle Jasper*



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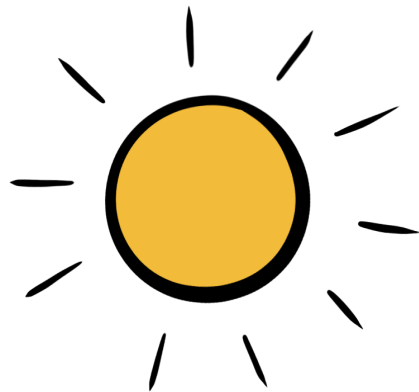
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80°  52° **Monday, Sep. 9**





# Ford Lake set for USRowing 2025 national championship

James Fulton  
Staff Writer

USRowing announced that the EMU course at Ford Lake will be the site for its 2025 national championship races.

The event will be held from July 12-20 at the course on Ford Lake in Ypsilanti Township, where the Eastern Michigan University rowing team has trained for years. The announcement from USRowing, which manages competitions among all age groups, came just months after the university and Ypsilanti Township unveiled a brand new, submersible, rowing course at Ford Lake.

The National Championship was put together by a collaboration of U.S. Rowing, the Ann Arbor Sports Commision, Eastern and Ypsilanti Township. USRowing, a nonprofit organization recognized by the Olympic and Paralympic Committee, is the national governing body of rowing in the United States. USRowing is home to more than 77,000 athletes and 1,430 organizations.

The newly built Ypsilanti Township course, turning Ford Lake into a championship-level venue , includes



eight racing lanes stretching for about 2,000 meters.

This national championship will include competition categories for under 17, under 23, an open section, and a master’s group.

The sport of rowing is a race between boats using oars to row. With the oars having limited range of motion the rowers use the techniques known as sculling and sweeping to propel themselves as a team across the water. Originally the practice began as a means for transportation across bodies of water, but by the 16th century it began

as a competition later blooming in the 18th century with what was known as the “Doggett’s Coat and Badge” a race that has been held annually since 1715 in London.

The course at Ford Lake is the home of Eastern Michigan University’s Women’s Rowing program. The new course is allowing the program to become a host for larger college-level competitions as well.

The women rowers have been competing in the Coastal Athletic Association conference, where they have been for about a decade, but

will switch soon to the Mid-American Conference, in which most Eastern sports team compete.

When the new course was unveiled earlier this year, rowing Head Coach Kemp Savage said he believed the upgrades would put Ypsilanti and Ford Lake on the national rowing map, attracting more attention to the area and boosting local pride.

“It’s huge to show off Ypsilanti, Eastern Michigan, and Southeast Michigan,” he said.

In addition to the economic impact, the rowing program has a strong tradition of community service. The team regularly participates in local events, including hosting the Special Olympics of Michigan’s kayaking tournament. Looking ahead, the program plans to collaborate with local schools to introduce students to rowing and STEM education through the STEM to Stern program, further strengthening ties with the community.

*Eastern Echo staff contributed to this report.*

## What’s the move? Sept. 2-8

Hunter Johnstone  
News Reporter

Check out these events happening on and around Eastern Michigan University’s campus this week.

### Yoga Asana - Sept. 2

Relax and strengthen with a Monday night yoga class at Rhizome Roots Studio. There are two different class options with Vinyasa Flow from 6:30 to 7:15 p.m. or Yin Yoga & Meditation from 7:30 to 8:15 p.m.

### CHHS Welcome Back Raffle Event - Sept. 3

Grab yourself a donut and enter your name in a raffle to win a plushie of Swoop from 9 to 11 a.m. The raffle will be held in the Marshall building, room 206

### Riverside’s Ypsi Fine Arts Club - Sept. 4

See a showcase and learn about local artists’ process at the Riverside Arts Center from 5 to 8 p.m.

### Sex in the Dark - Sept. 4

Get answers to intimacy and relationship questions from a live panel of experts in a judgement-free zone with nonalcoholic mixed drinks provided in the Student Center Ballroom from 7 to 9 p.m.

### Welcome Back BBQueer - Sept 5.

Join the LGBT Resource Center’s fall kickoff which will include food, prizes, Drag Bingo, and a way to set up support and connections for the school year. The event is on the Student Center Patio from 5 to 7:30 p.m.

### The Bones and the Bees Artisan Market - Sept. 6

See the works and items made by over 75 artists at this artisan market at the Ypsilanti Freighthouse. Entry is free for all and the market is open from 5 to 9 p.m.

### Library Program: Birding Basics - Sept. 7

Join Naturalist Kelsey Dehring, and learn about how to identify birds based on markings and sounds. Binoculars are provided and the program is being held at the Saline District Library from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. Register here.

### Live Music at Ziggys: Afrobeat Caribbean Vibes - Sept. 7

Hear Reggae, Rap, and Afrobeat mixes, and try some local Jamaican food at Ziggys. The cost is \$10 for the whole night and the event starts at 6 p.m.

### Baubles & Bling Tea With Rosie the Riveter Make and Take - Sept. 8

Meet real WWII Rosie the Riveters while enjoying tea and making jewelry. The event is at The Newton of Ypsilanti, costs \$55, and runs from 2 to 4 p.m.

### 51st Anniversary Dawn Farm Jamboree - Sept. 8

See animals, grab a bite, and participate in activities at Dawn Farm’s 51st anniversary celebration. The event is free for all and is scheduled from 1 to 6 p.m.

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# Amber Fellows is dreaming up new ideas for local government

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Editor-in-Chief

Amber Fellows, a decades-long resident of Ypsilanti and activist, is on the Nov. 6 ballot for a seat on Ypsilanti City Council in Ward 3, which includes the majority of Eastern Michigan University.

Fellows won her spot on the ballot in a close primary win on Aug. 6 against current city council member Evan Sweet. Sweet was appointed to the role of council member in July 2022 to fill a short-term vacancy and then reappointed in January 2023.

According to Washtenaw County’s unofficial candidate list for Nov. 5, Fellows is set to have one opponent , Libertarian Mark Alan King.

Fellows is running on a



Amber Fellows is running for Ypsilanti's Ward 3 city council member. Courtesy of Amber Fellows

platform that focuses on bringing transparency to the city council, making housing more accessible for people in the city, and seeking environmental justice.

As a former renter, and now homeowner, in Ypsilanti, Fellows identifies themselves closely to the people in the community around them, and even on the city council. But they also acknowledge some differences between themselves and their potential new co-workers.

“I think what’s really different is a theory of change,” Fellows said. “I come from the perspective of ‘the processes that exist are giving us bad results.’”

Another goal of Fellows’ is to increase Ypsilanti resident’s participation in their local government. This could be done through surveying the residents

of the city, adding more proposals and offices to the city ballot, and updating the city charter, Fellows said.

Fellows won the Aug. 6 election by just 10 votes, and as Fellows’ opportunity for a seat on the council nears, she is preparing for the possibility that she will get the job.

Fellows, who also ran for mayor of Ypsilanti in 2022, thanked the people who helped them in that campaign and this year’s.

“All the canvassing, all the work then, also to me, is really not about one person like myself, but a lot of people working together,” Fellows said.

The community of Ypsilanti is the reason for the work that Fellows’ does.

“It’s for the people,” Fellows said. “This [town] is a very special place.”

For more information on Amber Fellows’ campaign for office, you can visit her website amber4thepeople.com or follow @amber4thepeople on social media.

# Ypsilanti Symphony Orchestra wants to get 'Close and Personal'

Isabella DiPonio  
Staff Writer

The new season for the Ypsilanti Symphony Orchestra features artists who have special relationships with the 65-piece, volunteer community orchestra, hence the name: “Up Close and Personal.”

Music Director Adam Riccinto said the new season includes four concerts, each with a special guest.

An Eastern Michigan University alumni, Riccinto is the founder of the Ypsilanti Symphony Orchestra, and now serves as its conductor.

The “Up Close & Personal” season was designed to feature artists who have a special relationship with the

orchestra. Additionally, Riccinto said, the symphony often includes musicians who are Eastern Michigan University students.

“There is a real need for this type of ensemble,” Riccinto said. “There’s a lot of musicians on that campus that aren’t music majors, that are doing other things to make their living, but look for places to play, and that’s what we do in a community ensemble. We provide that outlet for folks at a high level in a way that is accessible to them throughout the rest of their careers.”

The fall concert is the first, scheduled for 3:30 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 13, 2024. The concert will include four pieces including a concerto with guest mandolin player Bob Phillips. Phillips is a renowned string educator and

became a member of the University of Michigan School of Music Hall of Fame in 2013.

The holiday concert will be at 3:30 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 15, 2024. The orchestra will be accompanied by the Washtenaw International High School orchestra in collaboration with well-known local composer and teacher at Washtenaw International High School, Brooke Pierson. The symphony will be performing a piece written by Pierson, followed by a short set from the students, and the rest of the program will include holiday pops.

The winter concert is 3:30 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 16, 2025. The spring concert will be 3:30 p.m. Sunday, April 13, 2025.

“The rest of the season is going to

feature soloists from the orchestra and some other repertoire to be named,” Riccinto said.

The Ypsilanti Symphony Orchestra will also do an annual Memorial Day, “Pops in the Park” summer concert; the date is to be determined and will be held at Riverside Park in Ypsilanti.

All four “Up Close & Personal” concerts will be held in the Lincoln Performing Arts Center at Lincoln High School in Ypsilanti Township. Tickets, ranging from \$6 to \$30, will be available for purchase at the door or online at A2Tix.com. Information about the concerts and updates to the schedule will be available on the Ypsilanti Symphony Orchestra’s website or on the symphony’s Facebook page.



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# EMU Mock Trial and Moot Court serve as vital learning environments

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Editor-in-Chief

Most college students, if they’re lucky, won’t step foot in a courtroom during their time in school; but for Ellie Yacks, luck looks a bit different.

Yacks is a political science and English double major on a pre-law track, and as the president of EMU



EMU Mock Trial's defense team in a courtroom in Columbus, Ohio, Feb. 2024. Courtesy of EMU Mock Trial

Mock Trial, she spends her weekends and time outside of class rehearsing for fake court cases.

Mock Trial and Moot Court are two parts of one student organization at Eastern Michigan University ideal for anyone looking for a chance to improve their speaking, preparation and performance skills.

For pre-law students like Yacks, however, it goes beyond the technical skills of practice and competition. Mock Trial is a run-through for her future career.

“It’s the best opportunity to get that experience,” Yacks said. “There’s no

way you can know what a courtroom is like unless you’re in one.”

Students in Mock Trial and Moot Court participate in yearly civil or criminal cases set in a fictional place with fictional laws and legal precedents.

Teams are split into prosecution and defense and members play either an attorney or a witness. Attorneys give opening and closing statements, question witnesses, and raise and challenge objections. Witnesses play a character and give testimony based on their character profile.

Professor of political science and advisor to the Mock Trial and Moot Court program, Barry Pyle, PhD, helped start the teams at EMU in 2001 and 2013. He emphasized how the extracurriculars provide skills to students for an ever evolving world and tough job market.

“The world is moving much faster than the world of education,” Pyle said. “Students who are going to be successful in life have to be adaptive.”

That real-time adaptation was pivotal for Grant Clark, social media and recruitment manager for Mock Trial and Moot Court.

“A lot of this you talk about it for a while, and it just seems theoretical, but then you’re in the courtroom and you try it for the first time,” Clark said. “It was a little horrifying at first.”

The supportive community of the Mock Trial teams encouraged camaraderie, growth and reflection.

“We’re a very serious organization, there’s no way around that,” Clark said. “But we can also be a very fun



EMU Mock Trial's prosecution team in a courtroom in Columbus, Ohio, Feb. 2024. Courtesy of EMU Mock Trial organization.”

Mock Trial and Moot Court are open to any student at EMU who’s interested. The teams travel for tournaments and compete regularly throughout the fall and winter semesters. Students looking for more information can email Barry Pyle at [bpyle@emich.edu](mailto:bpyle@emich.edu) or [emumockmoot@gmail.com](mailto:emumockmoot@gmail.com).



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## JOIN OUR TEAM!

# Horror musical arrives in Ypsilanti for Halloween

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Staff Writer

Getting antsy for the spooky season? Kick off those calendars with the premiere of “The Brain That Wouldn’t Die!,” a new musical written by Ypsilanti-area vocalist and stage director Carla Margolis.

Inspired by the 1960s cult classic of the same name, the musical is a reimagining that takes audiences through the infamous, campy storyline with an all-new original soundtrack. When a brilliant yet, reckless scientist’s fiancé is decapitated in a car accident, he uses a magical serum to keep her head alive. The head, while completely immobile, keeps its ability to sing and talk.

Having been a fan of horror from a young age, Margolis said her version of

“The Brain That Wouldn’t Die” oozes with individuality, similar to the likes of “Rocky Horror Picture Show” and “Little Shop of Horrors.”

Fans of the movie can expect a more serious look at the same themes found in the original.

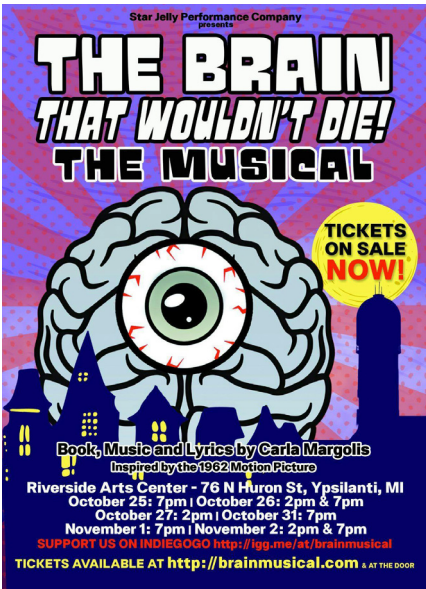
“It focuses on bodily autonomy for women; now that it’s more perilous than ever, I don’t really address it specifically, but there was definitely an inspiration. There’s a lot of misogyny baked into this story,” Margolis said.

Margolis’ unique take is rooted in a time period when feminist themes were less accepted in media, and that elevates the script to new levels, they said.

“I didn’t want to take the approach of banging people on the head with jokes about it,” Margolis said. “I wanted to ask: What would it be like if only your

head could survive? Or more so, what would it be like to have all the plans for your life suddenly smashed?”

Part of Margolis’ inspiration came



from personal experience, investigating the idea of our bodies betraying us in the real world, through fiction.

“I originally wanted to write it because my mom was diagnosed with ALS, she was losing her own bodily autonomy,” Margolis said.

While the original screenplay did not include musical moments, this new angle on the classic uses catchy lyrics to convey an important and otherwise significant philosophical question to audiences. This production is also far from being Margolis’ first step into the field.

“I’m a singer, actress, and composer, and I’ve got a lot of experience doing musicals,” Margolis said. “I’ve written a lot of them for children, but this is the first full-length show I’ve made for adults.”

While not intended for younger

audiences, adult fans of the horror genre, or those who have a soft spot for the wacky side of movies are sure to enjoy themselves.

Anyone in the Ann Arbor-Ypsilanti area interested in showing support for the upcoming show, can contact Margolis directly, or by donating to their Indiegogo campaign (found at [Brainmusical.com](http://brainmusical.com)). The production is also currently looking for more stagehands and ushers. For more information, contact Carla Margolis at [brainmusical2024@yahoo.com](mailto:brainmusical2024@yahoo.com).

Catch “The Brain That Wouldn’t Die” by the Star Jelly Performance company at the Riverside Arts Center, 76 N. Huron St. in Ypsilanti. Show times are 7 pm. Oct. 25-26 and Halloween night; and Nov. 1-2. Matinees are scheduled for 2 p.m. Oct. 26 and 27, and Nov. 2.

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# EMU football gears up for season opener against UMass



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**Elena Davis**  
*Sports Editor*

As the Eastern Michigan Eagles prepare to kick off the 2024 football season against the University of Massachusetts, head coach Chris Creighton reflected on a fast-paced and productive preseason camp. “Camp went by quickly,” Creighton said, emphasizing the team’s relatively good health despite some injuries. With 119 players on the roster, including 53 newcomers, Creighton is optimistic about the squad’s cohesion and progress. “I think we got better pretty much every day, and we are really excited about getting started.”

**New faces in key roles**

One of the significant topics leading up to the season opener is the announcement of Cole Snyder as the starting quarterback. Creighton praised Snyder’s fit within the program, highlighting his maturity, serious approach to football, and extensive experience. “He’s very mature. He’s very serious about football. He’s a seasoned veteran and a smart football player. We’re excited about it,” Creighton said. The backfield also sees fresh faces, with Dontae McMillan, Delbert Mimms, and Elijah Jackson-Anderson emerging as the top three running backs. Creighton expressed confidence in the group, noting McMillan’s rugged running style, Mimms’ ability to get the tough yards, and Jackson-Anderson’s

explosive potential. **Oran Singleton to wear ‘The Deuce’** This season also marks a significant moment for wide receiver Oran Singleton, who has been selected to wear the revered number 2 jersey, “The Deuce.” This number holds a special place in the Eastern Michigan football program, symbolizing the legacy of Demarius Reed, a former wide receiver who tragically passed away in 2013. “The Deuce” is awarded to a player who embodies the integrity, character, and selflessness that the program values. Singleton, who transferred from Akron to junior college, views this opportunity as a second chance to achieve the college football career he always envisioned. He spoke about the honor of wearing “The Deuce,” emphasizing how much it means to him to represent Reed’s legacy. “It means a lot to honor ‘The Deuce’ at Eastern Michigan,” Singleton shared. “The way the guys talk about it and the way D. Reed talked about his son, the way he loved to compete, it’s honorable.”

As Singleton prepares to debut in the season opener, he is focused on helping his team secure a win and making a meaningful contribution on and off the field.

**Defensive depth and strength** Defensively, the Eagles are bolstered by the return of several key players and

the addition of experienced transfers. The defensive line, in particular, is a point of strength. “We’ve brought in three transfers that were all starting at their previous institutions,” Creighton said, emphasizing the newcomers’ depth and experience. In the defensive secondary, the return of Joshua Scott, who missed last season due to injury, alongside standout Daiquan White, provides the team with a solid foundation. The coaching staff is also excited about new additions, including Dramarian McNulty from Mississippi Junior College and freshman Jaheim Jenkins, who had a standout camp.

**Challenges and expectations** Facing UMass for the fourth straight year, Creighton acknowledges the challenge of preparing for a team with many new faces due to the transfer portal. “It’s almost impossible to know what a team’s personnel is going to be like,” Creighton noted. Despite these uncertainties, he remains confident in his team’s preparation, particularly noting UMass’s reputation for strong defense under head coach Don Brown. The Eagles also adapt to new NCAA clock rules and implement helmet-to-helmet communication, which Creighton admits brings changes to the game’s flow. “I personally think that it just cheapens it. Tell people what to do versus coach them, get them ready. But it is what it is, and that’s how we’re going,” he said.

**Looking ahead** As Eastern Michigan enters the 2024 season, the focus remains on building team chemistry and gaining experience, particularly with many new players. Creighton highlighted the team’s caring attitude and commitment to representing the program positively, both on and off the field. With aspirations of winning the MAC Championship, the immediate challenge for the Eagles will be integrating new players and finding their rhythm as a cohesive unit. The last time these two teams met, Eastern Michigan secured a narrow 19-17 victory over UMass on Sept. 16, 2023. As the Eagles head to Amherst for the season opener, fans can expect another closely contested battle to kick off the 2024 season.

EMU vs. UMass Odds	
Spread:	UMass -2.5
Over/Under:	49.5 points
Moneyline:	UMass -145
ESPN Analytics:	UMass has a 56.6% chance to win
Game information	
The 2024 season opener is set for Saturday, Aug. 31, 2024, at 3:30 p.m. at McGuirk Alumni Stadium in Amherst, Massachusetts. Fans can catch the game live on ESPN+ as the Eagles take on UMass in what promises to be an exciting start to the season.	

# EMU soccer 4-0 for first time since 1999

**Elena Davis**  
*Sports Editor*

The Eastern Michigan University soccer team improved to a perfect 4-0 for the first time since 1999, securing a 1-0 win over Purdue Fort Wayne at Scicluna Field on Thursday, Aug. 29. Senior Maddie O’Farrell (Haslett, Michigan/Lansing Catholic) scored the decisive goal in the 17th minute, converting a pass from redshirt freshman Josie Langhans (Sun Prairie, Wisconsin/Sun Prairie) and sophomore Olivia Sipsock (Medina, Ohio/Medina) to clinch the victory.

The Eagles’ defense remained steadfast throughout the match, with redshirt sophomore Ella Holland (Dunwoody, Georgia/Dunwoody/Samford) making three crucial saves to earn her third clean sheet. Purdue Fort Wayne came close to leveling the score in the 56th minute, but their attempt hit the crossbar and was swiftly cleared by Eastern Michigan’s defense. The Eagles

dominated in both shots, outshooting PFW 13-10 and corner kicks, holding a 9-0 advantage. O’Farrell’s goal marked her second of the season and 11th career goal, while Sipsock extended her point streak to four matches, a feat not achieved by an EMU player since 2012. Langhans added her second assist of the season. The win also marked Eastern’s third consecutive clean sheet at home, a first since the 2008-09 season, and the Eagles’ first back-to-back shutouts since 2017.

# Olivia Sipsock scores twice to lead EMU past Youngstown State

**Hugh Thorp**  
*Sports Reporter*

Eastern Michigan University’s women’s soccer team faced off in a match that saw EMU win 2-0 over Youngstown State University after their Senior Day celebration. They honored eight seniors Sunday, Aug. 25: Sophia D’Ambra (Glen Ellyn, Illinois), Meagan Lukowski (Bay City, Michigan), Maddie O’Farrell (Haslett, Michigan), Ashley Schneider (Johnstown, Ohio), Chloe Rajewski

(Midland, Michigan), Jamie Lefebvre (London, Ontario), Sam Lenaghan (Toronto, Ontario), and Vittoria Greco (London, Ontario). The highlight of the match was a non-senior for EMU. Olivia Sipsock (Medina, Ohio) tallied two goals, which was the only scoring for the entire match. The Eagles held the lead in all but eight seconds of the match, as the first goal was scored right out of the gate. Sipsock scored the second goal at the ‘66 mark, and she now has three goals in the young season, having

additionally scored at the University of Illinois Chicago on Thursday, Aug. 22. Eastern Michigan took 11 shots, five of them on goal. Two players off the bench recorded shots as well, Secora Johnson (Galena, Ohio) and Sophia Baumann (Romeo, Michigan). The two each played 35 minutes, respectively. They beat Youngstown State in this category, as the Penguins only had eight shots on goal. Allowing no goals on the defensive side of the ball, redshirt sophomore Ella Holland (Dunwoody, Georgia) shined once again and continues to

prove why she should be protecting the net for the Eagles. She recorded seven saves in the win over the Penguins. She has only allowed two goals in three matches during the season. Because the two goals were allowed at UIC away from home, Eastern has yet to allow a goal at home this season. Temperatures reached a peak of 87 degrees at Scicluna Field, and the game had multiple stoppages to ensure that the players were properly hydrated. It was Eastern Michigan’s second regular-season home match.

# Eagle Tips and Tales: Sept. 3-9

**Elena Davis**  
*Sports Editor*

Eagle Tips and Tales is back, bringing you the latest updates on EMU Athletics. As we settle into the new semester here’s what’s happening. Eastern Michigan University is set for an action-packed week of athletics from Sept. 3-9. The week will feature intense volleyball matchups and a competitive men’s golf tournament that promises to keep fans on the edge of their seats.

**Volleyball takes on Michigan in Ann Arbor**

The week starts with a high-stakes volleyball showdown as the Eastern Michigan Eagles face off against the Michigan Wolverines in Ann Arbor on Wednesday, Sept. 4. The match, set for 7 p.m., promises to be thrilling as the Eagles aim to make their mark against a formidable Big Ten opponent.

**EMU tournament brings action to Ypsilanti**

Following their road game, the Eagles will host the highly anticipated EMU Volleyball Tournament at the Convocation Center starting Friday, Sept. 6. Eastern Michigan will take on tough competitors in a series of back-to-back matches, including Oakland, George Washington, and Marshall.

- Friday, Sept. 6:**
- 11 a.m.: Volleyball starts the tournament with a match against Oakland, followed by George Washington at 11 a.m. This will be the first of several intense matchups that day.
  - 4 p.m.: The Eagles will return to the court for a clash with Marshall, followed by another encounter with George Washington at 6:30 p.m.

- Saturday, Sept. 7:**
- 11 a.m.: The action resumes with Marshall facing George Washington, setting the stage for an exciting day of volleyball.
  - 3 p.m.: Eastern Michigan takes on Marshall in a match broadcast live on ESPN+.
  - 7 p.m.: The tournament concludes with a thrilling face-off against Oakland, also airing on ESPN+.

Fans can expect a weekend full of energy and competition as the Eagles aim to dominate their home turf and build momentum for the rest of the season.

**Men’s golf takes on Southern Dunes Collegiate in Arizona**

As excitement builds in Ypsilanti, the EMU men’s golf team will make their mark in Maricopa, Arizona, at the Southern Dunes Collegiate tournament from Sept. 9-10. This all-day event will put the Eagles to the test as they compete against elite collegiate golf teams on a stunning yet challenging desert course. The tournament offers the team a chance to showcase their skills and determination in what promises to be a fiercely competitive setting.

Check out our website!





# 'Coraline' returns to theaters for 15th anniversary in remastered 3D

**Madison Cantrell**  
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**Cellar Roots Editor-in-Chief**

**Review**

LAIKA's "Coraline," celebrated its 15th anniversary with the re-release of the original version and the release of a remastered 3D version at select theaters. The film, written by Neil Gaiman and directed by Henry Selick, was originally released in 2009.

After the credits rolled in theaters, viewers went behind the scenes with Coraline Jones and LAIKA's puppet fabrication team to see the making of the "Coraline" puppets. In the post-credit footage, the team highlighted the changes in design and technology since



the original making of "Coraline" in 2009.

The film follows a girl named Coraline Jones as she reluctantly moves from Michigan into the Pink Palace Apartments in Oregon. After exploring her new home and meeting her new neighbors, she remains unhappy and ventures into the seemingly perfect, "Other World" through a small door.

**Highs**

Seeing the stop-motion film in theaters and remastered 3D was a thrilling experience. The characters, such as Coraline and the "Other Mother," came to life even more as they popped out of the screen. The 3D element also tapped into the film's, particularly the "Other World's," dreamlike qualities like the talking objects.

The addition of the behind-the-scenes footage was another highlight as fans got to see "Coraline" from a fresh perspective. As an artist, it was fascinating to see the design work that went into creating the iconic puppets.

**Lows**

"Coraline" as a whole has few lows. A sequel or prequel would add more

context and be a cool addition to the film that we know and love. However, LAIKA declined the idea so fans can continue to dream.

**Verdict**

While my eyes have experienced "Coraline" numerous times on my television, laptop, and phone, seeing the film in theaters and 3D for the first time added to my love for the film.

**Rating: 10 out of 10**

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# 5 laid-back shows for homework breaks

**Frank Remski**  
**Review Columnist**

The semester has begun for EMU students, so now is a great time to get into a TV show to escape from the coming stress of coursework.

**Opinion**

Some of the best shows for this are lighthearted and/or humorous, but with an interesting enough plot and characters to suck viewers in. Below is a list of five shows that are perfectly up to that task!

**"Crazy Ex-Girlfriend"**

An underrated gem, this show surprisingly came from the CW, known for its teen-centered soap operas and dramas. "Crazy Ex-Girlfriend" by contrast was a musical sitcom about Rebecca Bunch, a woman who quit her affluent job in New York to live in her high school ex-boyfriend's small hometown, West Covina, California. She claimed that it wasn't for him, even though it totally was.

Through four seasons, "Crazy Ex-Girlfriend" had a wealth of comedy and catchy songs, some of which have even trended on TikTok. The show also unpacked what it means to be a crazy ex-girlfriend, focusing on character growth and discussing mental health.

"Crazy Ex-Girlfriend" ran for four seasons, all of which are currently available to stream on Netflix and Apple TV.

**"Delicious In Dungeon"**

Also often referred to as "Dungeon Meshi," this anime became a success earlier this year. Adapting the manga of the same name, the series followed a group of fantasy adventurers looking for a lost member in a complex dungeon, cooking and eating fantasy creatures along the way as delicacies.

The show had a unique take on fantasy, daring to ask bold questions such as "What would a dragon taste like?" It emulated a fun "Dungeons & Dragons" campaign crossed with a cooking show.

"Delicious In Dungeon" was 24 episodes long, all of which are currently

available to stream on Netflix. A second season is currently in the works.

**"Heartstopper"**

With its third season dropping in October, what better time is there to catch up on this romantic slice-of-life series? Based on the eponymous webcomic. It followed the romance between teenage boys Charlie Spring and Nick Nelson, along the way navigating queerness and growing up.

The show was sickeningly sweet, showcasing queer teens trying to live their best lives as they pursued love and identity. The show had a cast of LGBTQ+ characters alongside Nick and Charlie, telling stories about queer joy.

"Heartstopper" had two seasons, with a third dropping this October. All seasons are currently available to stream on Netflix.

**"My Adventures With Superman"**

One of the best modern adaptations of Superman, "My Adventures With

Superman" was an adult animated series that presented the Man of Steel in his first days of being a superhero. The show saw his first time working for the Daily Planet, meeting iconic characters such as Lois Lane and Lex Luther, and learning the secrets behind his origin.

The show managed to update Superman for a modern audience without losing the optimism at the core of his character. Those who disliked the grimness of 2013's "Man of Steel" will be pleased by this series.

"My Adventures With Superman" recently wrapped up its second season; it has been renewed for a third one. It is currently available to stream on Max, previously HBO Max.

**"The Good Place"**

Created by Michael Schur, known for shows such as "Parks and Recreation" and "Brooklyn Nine-Nine," "The Good Place" was his magnum opus. A sitcom about Eleanor Shellstrop, who accidentally ended up in paradise after she died, despite being a bad person. In order to become a good person, she

began learning philosophy from her mistaken soulmate Chidi Anagonye.

"The Good Place" managed to combine comedy with philosophy, delivering a witty show with a gripping plot and mystery. The show provoked thoughts, laughs, and even some tears.

"The Good Place" ran for four seasons. The show is currently available to stream on Netflix and Apple TV.

**Conclusion**

At times, school can be stressful. It can be nice to have a series that provides escapism and comfort by being light and riveting. The above series are good places to look, whether you're watching to pass the time between classes or at night after a long day.

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# 'Incoming,' though humorous, lacks fulfilling plot line

**Mariam Fakhreddine**  
**Review Columnist**

Netflix original 'Incoming' features Mason Thames as Benji and Isabella Ferreira as Bailey. This movie is about teenagers who just started their freshman year of high school. It is full of humorous drama and is for a mature audience only.

This film is about four freshmen who start high school, the boys' names are Benji, Connor (Raphael Alejandro), Eddie (Ramon Reed), and Koosh (Bardia Seiri). These boys attend their first high school party, preparing themselves for the craziness. Specifically, Benji is pining for his sister's best friend Bailey.

At this party, he plans to make a move on her and show his true feelings for her. While Koosh is trying to prove to his brother that he is not a loser by hooking up with a senior. The last two boys Conner and Eddie go on an adventure with Katrina (Loren Gray).

**Highs**

There are minimal highs in this movie considering that the plot is quite simple. It is an easy plot with intense humorous jokes from the freshmen boys. Each of these young actors performed perfectly for Generation Z teenagers. Benji was this shy boy, who was in love with his sister's best friend which is typical. Thames performed his part well and in the movie, he sings which is impressive.

Another high is the friendship between Connor and Eddie, they stick

together after getting kicked out of the party. They are a funny pair when it comes to freaking out in situations. Their scenes were the most entertaining throughout the whole movie. Along with Loren Gray playing as Katrina was a high since the rest of the actors were not familiar. Gray's acting was great and surprising, considering she has not been in many films.

The chemistry teacher played by Bobby Cannavale in the film Mitch Studes is another highlight. Because he was so funny, his character was essential throughout the film. He was this teacher who liked taking shots and going out to parties with his students. The students think of him as the "cool teacher". His character chooses to attend the party since he finds it difficult to hang out with individuals his age.

**Lows**

The lows within this film have to do with the plot because it was too simple without much detail. The plot needed more background knowledge on the freshmen attending high school. It was focused on Benji of how he was going to get Bailey to become his girlfriend. Bailey's character is very confusing, she does not show her feelings quite clearly.

Another low point was that this high school party can be unrealistic in the sense that the activities happening like smoking cocaine. It is uncommon for high school students to have cocaine at a party, that sounds more like a college party. The things that were happening at this party were intense and crazy. It was an over-exaggeration.

In a way, the entire film was an

abomination because the youths were using drugs and playing tough guys. It lacked a plot and was utterly implausible. It also had no conclusion. The end goal of this movie was unclear and it could've been better if there was a life lesson taught.

**Verdict**

This movie is intense in the sense of explicit language and activities. This is not worth the watch because the plot doesn't lead to an end goal.

**Rating: 4.5 out of 10**

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## EMU THEATRE SCHEDULE 2024-2025

*Ticket Office hours in the Judy Sturgis Hill building are 1-5 p.m., Monday-Friday, and 90 minutes before show time.*

### Alice By Heart

October 3-6, 2024 Suggested for ages 13+.

### Silent Sky

November 21-24, 2024 Suggested for ages 12+.

### A Midsummer Night's Dream

December 6-8\*, 2024 Suggested for ages 12+. \*Accessible with ASL.

### The Rocky Horror Show

February 13-16, 2025 Suggested for mature audiences only.

### Cause Play

April 3-6\*, 2025 School Matinees April 7 & 8\* Suggested for ages 9+. \*Accessible with ASL.

### The Girl Who Swallowed a Cactus

April 11 & 12, 2025 Suggested for ages 5+.



Moonlight Chapter 3 Part 2  
AJ Grams  
Comics Artist

CHAPTER 3

SO, WHAT'S WITH THE HAT?

OH, I BURN EASILY.

I SHOULD PROBABLY START A CONVER-SATION

Limited Edition pt. 1  
Rylee Curley  
Design Chief

Boon!

I got you a gift!

Ooo, gimme!

No way...

A Few More Minutes, Please: Part 2  
AJ Grams  
Comics Artist

**BURNOUT**  
BY FUNKYLOAF

ARE YOU READY TO ORDER NOW, SIR?

HMMM...

WHAT ABOUT SUNSCREEN?

OH. IT DOESN'T REALLY WORK ON ME.

HAHA, IT'S LIKE YOU'RE A VAMPIRE OR SOME-THING.

HAH, NO.

...YOU'RE CRAZY.

HEH, GUESS SO.

I DON'T THINK THIS GUY LIKES ME.

Two or Three  
Gideon the Ghost  
Comics Artist

BLECH! isn't it vile?

all these sad, empty people building hollow monuments to the bottomless holes inside of them

and look above it.

barely any stars.

it's been hard to see them for decades.

just like its citizens, countless exist, but few are allowed to shine.

few are allowed to be happy.

i know, buddy. you've had a long night. i'm glad you called for a ride let's get you home.

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# Rain sent EagleFest 2024 inside

## But failed to stop the fun and friendship



AT LEFT: EMU Campus Life team members grin for their guests at EagleFest in the Student Center Ballroom on Tuesday, Aug. 27. Connect with Campus Life at @emucampuslife on Instagram. Max Taylor / The Eastern Echo

ABOVE: Adoptee Club at EagleFest in the Student Center Ballroom on Tuesday, August 27th. Find them @adopteeclubemu on Instagram for more information. Max Taylor / The Eastern Echo

BELOW: Two students, sharing their tastes in T-shirts, enjoy some friend time at EagleFest! Max Taylor / The Eastern Echo



Members of the EMU Mock Trial, also known as moot court, team show off some awards at EagleFest in the Student Center on Tuesday, Aug. 27. Find the moot court team at @emumocktrial on Instagram for more information. Max Taylor / The Eastern Echo



The MSA (Muslim Student Association) at EagleFest in the Student Center Ballroom on Tuesday, August 27th. Find them @emu\_msa on Instagram for more information. Max Taylor / The Eastern Echo



A student showing interest in the EFA (Eagle Filmmakers Association) at EagleFest in the Student Center on Tuesday, Aug. 27. Find the filmmakers at @eagle.filmmakers on Instagram for more information. Max Taylor / The Eastern Echo



ABOVE: A student reviews the Cellar Roots student literary magazine with Cellar Roots Editor Mady Cantrell during EagleFest in the Student Center on Tuesday, Aug. 27. Learn more about EMU's fine arts magazine at @cellar.roots on Instagram. Max Taylor / The Eastern Echo



AT RIGHT: VEMU club members work on recruiting during Eaglefest in the Student Center on Tuesday, Aug. 27. Find VEMU (Videographers at EMU) at @videographersemo on Instagram for more information. Max Taylor / The Eastern Echo



Model UN (Eastern Michigan United Nations Association) club members take a shift at their table at EagleFest in the Student Center on Tuesday, Aug. 27. Find the club at @easternmun on Instagram for more information. Max Taylor / The Eastern Echo